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A Chicago brewery which was assessed \$25,000 for the Hanna corruption fund, recently failed with liabilities of about \$600,000.

The Indiana legislature proposes to tax every man who wears a beard. If such a law should be enacted in Nebraska, the editor would surely have to lose his beautifiers.

Answer to Correspondent:—Yes, the legislature "might" adjourn at the end of 60 days, and one of our state officials "might" resign, but sporting men are not betting very heavily on either event.

When the people have no money to buy protected goods, we don't see how protective tariff is going to bring in the government expenses. We venture the assertion that in less than fifteen months our government will be making arrangements to issue more bonds for the laborers to pay.—Gordon Standard.

The populists seem determined to count in two additional judges of the supreme court if possible. If they had been as zealous in trying to secure the adoption of the constitutional amendment increasing the number of judges there would probably be no doubt of the legality of their election.—Rushville Recorder.

Valentine votes \$10,000 school bonds next Friday. As all the material and work for the new building will be obtained in Valentine, it will almost be equivalent to having the new building donated to the district. All the money paid out will eventually find its way back to the pockets of those who pay the most of it.—Gordon Journal.

The intention of General Coxe and his followers to revive the Commonwealth army ought to be a failure. The Commonwealth never accomplished anything further than to gain cheap notoriety for a few of the leaders. The efforts to organize bands of able-bodied beggars to roam over the country and foment discord among people who want to and will work if let alone should be flatly squelched.—St. Louis Republic.

To have a first class school four things are essential, namely: Good teachers, a school board interested in education, patrons who will stand by the board and teachers, and a good building. We have the first, no question can be raised as to the second, everything points to the fact that we have the third essential, so why not get together and vote for the fourth, thus making the quadrangle of essentials complete?

It is probable that in this and other states many democrats who had wandered into populism will not return to it, but will stay in their old party. But certainly all of that crowd of political wild steers known as the middle-of-the-roaders will probably get together on a platform which will embrace flat money and all the ills of the extremists. As hard money is a basic principle of democracy, this action on the part of populism must signify the parting of the ways of the late allies and a triangular light four years from now.—St. Louis Republic.

CONCERNING GROUND-HOGS.

The ground hog, my son, belongs to that animal species known to scientists and natural historians and delvers into zoological mysteries as the American Arctomys, or Marmot. As a weather prophet the Arctomys trot in the same class as the goose bone and corn shuck, but does its prognosticating after the latter two have gone to sleep and commenced waiting for another winter, so they may again deceive the innocent and guileless granger into believing we are going to have a good winter for wheat and rye when Hicks tells us "it."

As we said before, the goose bone tells us what kind of winter we are to have, and Arctomys tells us when it will be over. Some Arctomys have lost part of their buttons and come out of their holes and pose for public inspection on the 2nd day of February. Now this is all wrong, and no respectable ground-hog thinks of taking observations until the 14th. Should he see his shadow then he becomes ashamed of himself and hides again for one full month. As he does not know that February is shorter than the other months, he next appears on the stage when the curtain rises for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, March the 17th.

Should Mr. Arctomys not see his shadow on St. Valentine's day, he goes about just like all the other fellows on that day, looking for a mate. The only original, authentic, reliable and up-to-date ground-hog lives in Kentucky—the land of Boone and Billy Breckinridge—and we wish to advise you, my son, to not be fooled by the irresponsible, prevaricating, mischievous animal who showed himself last Tuesday. His feet don't track and he doesn't know much, anyway. Look for your shadow when you mail your sweetheart a valentine one week from Sunday.

The Exposition of 1898 is not bounded by the city limits of Omaha, but from its inception was designed to turn the tidal wave of investment and immigration to the westward and will advertise the resources and advantages of Nebraska as no other project could possibly do. The fate of the exposition now rests with the legislature. The people of Omaha have subscribed over \$400,000 to its stock, and are ready to increase their subscriptions still more.

The Crawford Bulletin is the latest aspirant for journalistic honors in northwest Nebraska, the paper having been launched last week by Con Lindeman. The Bulletin is a neat, very neat, little paper, and is spicy in all its departments. Free silver, and we suppose populism, will constitute the ignis fatuus after which Bro. Lindeman will chase. THE DEMOCRAT extends its hand and best wishes to the newcomer.

Last year was one of low imports, yet they are still falling at a remarkable rate. The merchandise imports at the port of New York last week were nearly \$4,000,000 below those of the corresponding week in 1897. For the first three weeks of January this year we have \$27,085,000 imports, against \$42,311,000 for the corresponding three weeks last year.—New York World.

Is it any wonder that the deficit keeps on growing when the last session of the Fifty-fourth Congress appropriated \$515,000,000 and the present session will appropriate about \$530,000,000, with not a dollar of additional revenue being provided? These republican congresses are expensive things, but it seems that the people think they must have them.

The theory of the McKinley and Dingley protectionists is that decreasing imports mean increasing possibilities for the comfort and happiness of American labor. In 1892 the imports of merchandise to this country amounted to \$827,402,362; last year they amounted to \$729,724,671, about \$98,000,000 less than in 1892.

Stand up for Valentine.

Social at Simeon.

The evening of January 29, 1897 will be long remembered by the citizens of Simeon and vicinity as a time of great felicity, Miss Lizzie Hayes having closed a very successful term of school on that day, with an excellent entertainment in the evening. The following program was well carried out:

Welcome Song
Little Freckled Faced Girl.....Cappie Morgareidge
Kitties and Babbies.....Mabelle Lord
North and South.....Maurice Davis
Why do You Look.....Sarah Stratton
If I Were You.....Hazel Stratton
Dolly's Household.....Nellie Morgareidge
Music.....Annie Burling
The After While.....Bertha Bear
Marching Past the House That Jack Built.....Carl Daniels
The Teacher's Dream.....C. S. Reece
Fare—Farewell Under the Stars.....Choir
Song—Music in the Air.....Mrs. H. M. Lockwood
Recitation.....Julia Truax
Fare—Farewell Under the Stars.....Choir
Fare—Farewell Under the Stars.....Choir
Song—"We Shall Know".....Choir

When the program was completed the audience was entertained by the ladies of the M. E. church, who had prepared floral tables, fish pond containing numerous useful things, and ties to be sold to secure partners for supper. In a short time the last fish was safely landed and the bouquets were adorning the costumes of the gentlemen. Then the ties were placed on sale, a few moments disposed of all those all who were fortunate enough to secure one knew who was to assist him in disposing of the many good things the ladies had provided. Soon the tables were spread and supper was announced and such a supper. We will say here and now, that if there are better cooks in any community than at Simeon, we have never witnessed an illustration of their culinary ability. After supper a vote was taken to ascertain who was the best looking young lady. Miss Jennie Morgareidge receiving the highest number of votes was presented with a fine cake, which she cut and graciously divided with each guest present. From the excellence of the piece you scribe received, she stands ready to testify that its maker was a thorough "mistress of the flour barrel." Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bennett	H. S. Lockwood
W. F. Morgareidge	A. J. Rowley
G. M. Davis	J. W. Daniels
	W. H. Stratton
	J. W. Burling
Messes:	Misses
C. S. Reece	Jennie Morgareidge
H. S. Davis	Ella Silwell
W. F. Morgareidge	Maud Bennetto
J. J. Reece	Julia Truax
C. D. Ainsley	Lizzie Morgareidge
J. W. Thompson	Carrie Morgareidge
Mr. Henry Finneaux and sister and H. Hobbs and sister.	
Messes:	Lon Johnson
Sam Houston	Wm. Bahard
W. W. Wiles	Geo. Rowley
J. W. Strong	S. J. Hutchinson
Chas. Dawson	W. J. Leach
E. Hobbs	W. J. Davis
Robt. Thompson	H. K. Brown

And a host of juvenile people made the entire attendance seventy five. The spacious residence of our esteemed neighbor, J. B. Lord, was used for the occasion, for which he has the thanks of all present. The net proceeds of the evening were \$23.32, which will be applied on the minister's salary.

Up to date McKinley's cabinet is composed as follows:

Secretary of State—John Sherman, of Ohio.
Secretary of the Treasury—Lyman J. Gage, of Illinois.
Secretary of War—Russell A. Alger, of Michigan.
Secretary of the Navy—John D. Long, of Massachusetts.
Secretary of the Interior—Judge Joseph McKenna, of California.
Secretary of Agriculture—James B. Wilson, of Iowa.
Attorney General—A. Surprise, of Someplace.
Postmaster General—Another Surprise, of Somewhere.

We observe that the VALENTINE DEMOCRAT speaks of the Cherry county court room as being so small that Judge Tucker is obliged to go out doors to turn around. A number of people down this way who know the portly Judge as "The fog born of the Minnechaduzza" will be slow to draw the inference that that court room is a miniature affair. On the contrary it must be of fair size to admit him, at all.—Stanton Picket.

The luxuriant growth of hirsute appendages which graces the classic countenance of ye editor, is due to a great extent to the use of a whisker promoter compounded by Prof. C. K. Brewer, X. Y. Z., P. D. Q., & W. D. All who contemplate raising a crop of wind teasers are respectfully referred to him for advice and assistance. His motto is, "no whiskers, no pay."

President Cleveland has at last withdrawn the name of W. D. McHugh for federal judge, and has sent to the senate the name of William H. Munger, of Fremont. Munger is a gold standard democrat, and one of the best known lawyers in the state. Senators Thurston and Allen having sufficiently displayed their assiduity will probably vote for his confirmation.

"The use of what is called the 'Gerrymander' in order to obtain an undue party advantage in the election of members of the House of Representatives has become a public reproach," writes ex-president Harrison, discussing Congress in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "It is the making of unfair Congressional districts, not having relation primarily to population and to the geographical relations of the counties composing them, as they should, but to parties majorities in the counties, with the object of giving to the party making the apportionment a fraudulent advantage."

For sale or Trade.

"Jerome B." a beautiful Hambletonian stallion, the fastest in the state, young and sound, and has no record. Trothed an exhibition barefooted after winning a race at Holdrege, Neb., last Fourth of July at a 2:08 gait. Never in the hands of a trainer a day but will show a 2:10 gait any time barefooted. He has booked his owner more than one thousand dollars every year. Will sell and give time for payment, or trade for good, smooth, clear land well located. For particulars write owner.

C. J. BEEDLE
Holdrege Neb.

Simeon.

Why don't some young lady smile at H. K.?

Joe McCloud was in Simeon Saturday evening.

Mr. Stratton and family were in Oasis Saturday.

Fy Ainsley and wife are visiting on the flats this week.

Miss Truax is visiting with friends about Simeon nowadays.

There is some stock doing with the black leg around here of late.

W. F. Morgareidge returned to his school near Crookston Saturday.

Any person wanting to learn the dairy business should inquire of Mr. Brown. Information free.

The church social at John Lord's Friday night was a grand success, 74 people being present, and the minister, Rev. Horton, was presented with \$23.30.

OSCAR

WHEREAS the Grand Master of the Universe has seen fit to call from earth to the great hereafter a faithful and beloved brother, Samuel G. Barnes, he it therefore:

Resolved, by the members of Wood Lake Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., that in his death this lodge has lost one of its most highly esteemed and useful members, the community a just and upright citizen, his wife and children a true and hearty sympathizer in their sad affliction, and an only comfort to his widow, who doth all things well. To the brethren of the lodge, as we view that silent and inanimate form for the last time, we too are reminded, that we are mortals, and will soon be called upon to pass to that bourne from whence no traveler returns. Be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the lodge and a copy be presented to the family of the deceased brother and a copy be sent to THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT, and the Republican, of Valentine, Neb., and a copy to the Ainsworth Star-Journal, of Ainsworth, Neb., for publication. Respectfully submitted

A. L. JOHNSON
W. L. JOHNSON
ABEL BAILEY
Committee

WHEREAS the Alwise Ruler of the universe has graciously seen fit to take from this earth his dearly beloved friend and brother, Samuel G. Barnes, and since May 1893 been an only comfort to his widow, who doth all things well, and his children, who are always worthy of highest respect and his family a husband and father whose love and care were priceless, be it

Resolved, that the members of Valentine Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., be it further

Resolved, that the charter of the lodge be draped in mourning for a period of 6 months; that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, that a copy be furnished the widow, son and daughter, and that a copy be given the county papers for publication.

E. J. DAVENPORT
L. L. BIVENS
A. H. FRIGGUSON
Committee

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb., Jan. 29, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on March 20th, 1897 viz:

John P. Jones, of Valentine, Neb.
H. E. 3575 for the 25th & 26th Sec 34 Tp 34 R 28.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Hiram Ferguson, Charles Massingale, John Hoffman of Valentine, and Joseph McCloud of Simeon, Nebraska.

C. R. GLOVER, Register.

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John P. Jones, of Valentine, Neb.
H. E. 3575 for the 25th & 26th Sec 34 Tp 34 R 28.

He names as witnesses: Stuart E. Tait of Brownlee, Neb., William Steadman, Robert P. Packer, H. T. Tait of Pass, Neb. The testimony of claimant will be taken before the Clerk of the District Court for Pawnee county at his office in Pawnee City, Nebraska on March 18th, 1897.

C. R. GLOVER, Register.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS GREETING:

Our new store is finished, after six months of hard work, and we are now installed therein and are ready to give you more and better bargains than ever before. Our stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, --especially Shoes--and furnishings is complete. Call and see us.

RED FRONT

WORD BUILDING CONTEST.

First Prize.....\$100.00 in Cash
Second Prize.....50.00 in Cash
Third Prize.....25.00 in Cash
Fourth Prize.....15.00 in Cash
Fifth Prize.....10.00 in Cash

The above prizes are offered to those who construct or form the largest number of words out of the letters found in the prize word.

PERSONALITY.

under the following regulations and conditions:

The first prize will be won by the largest list, the second prize by the next largest list, and so on to the fifth. The list of words must be written plainly in ink, alphabetically arranged, numbered, signed by the contestant, and sent in not later than February 20, 1897. The list must be composed of English words authorized by at least one of the leading dictionaries—Webster's Worcester's, the Century or the Standard. If two words are spelled alike only one can be used.

Abbreviations, contractions, obsolete words and proper nouns are not allowed. The same letter must not occur twice in one word, but may be used in other words. In case two or more winning lists contain the same number of words the neatest and best list will take first place, the others ranking next below in the order of quality. Residents of Omaha and winners of former prizes in WORLD-HERALD contests are not permitted to compete directly or indirectly.

No contestant can enter more than one list of words, and each contestant is required to send, in the same letter with his list, one dollar to pay a year's subscription to the OMAHA WEEKLY WORLD-HERALD.

Every competitor whose list contains as many as twenty-five words whether he wins a prize or not, will receive

THIRTY COMPLETE NOVELS

in one paper covered volume of 192 large quarto pages, among the authors being Marion Harland, Rudyard Kipling, H. Rider Haggard, Wilkie Collins and Miss Mulock. Lists cannot be corrected or substituted after they are received.

The list of words winning first prize will be published in the WEEKLY WORLD-HERALD, together with the name and address of each of the prize winners, as soon after the contest closes as the matter can be decided.

The WEEKLY WORLD-HERALD is issued in semi-weekly sections, giving the news twice a week, and hence is nearly as good as a daily. This is the paper of which W. J. Bryan was editor for about two years prior to his nomination for the presidency, and is the leading advocate of free silver coinage. ADDRESS

WEEKLY WORLD-HERALD, OMAHA, NEB.

Notice—Timber Culture.

Land Office at Valentine, Nebraska, Jan. 29, 1897.

Complaint having been entered at the by Germond against John C. Potter for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 2743 dated September 29, 1883 upon the 25th & 26th Sec 34 Tp 34 R 28 W. 1 in Cherry County Nebraska with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said John C. Potter has failed to break or cause to be broken any of said timber on any time, and has failed to plant or cultivate any of said tract, and has failed to plant or cultivate any of said tract at any time, and that the said John C. Potter is hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 17 day of March 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

Testimony of witnesses to be taken before Robert Lucas, U. S. C. C. at Merriam, Nebraska March 13th 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m.

C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Land Office Valentine, Neb., Feb. 2nd, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on March 20, 1897, viz:

James E. Jordan, of Arabia, Neb.
H. E. 932 for the 25th & 26th Sec 17 Tp 32 R 28.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Henry P. Vansteele, Joseph P. Kreyek, John T. Kief and Andrew Benson all of Arabia, Nebraska.

C. R. GLOVER Register.

Notice of Sale by Guardian

In the matter of the guardianship of Leta A. Stetter.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Hon. M. P. Kinkaid one of the judges of the district court of Cherry county, Nebraska made on the 24th day of August 1896 for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described there will be sold at the front door of the court house, in Valentine, Cherry county Nebraska on the 28th day of February 1897, at 2 o'clock a. m. at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate to-wit: the W. 1/2 Sec 25 Tp 23 R 31 W. in Cherry county Nebraska, said sale to remain open one hour.

JOHN G. SVETTER,
Guardian of Leta A. Stetter.
By ED. CLARKE, Attorney.

Probate Notice.

State of Nebraska, Cherry County, ss.

To all persons concerned in the estate of Samuel G. Barnes deceased.

Whereas Elizabeth Barnes of said county has filed in my office an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel G. Barnes, deceased late of said county, and a petition praying to have the same admitted to probate, which will relates to both real and personal estate, whereupon I have appointed Saturday the 28th day of February 1897 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the office in Valentine in said county as the time and place of proving said will at which time and place you and all concerned may appear and contest the probate of the same.

It is further ordered that petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said estate of the pendency of the petition and the time and place set for hearing the same by causing a copy of said order to be published in THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT, a paper published in the said county of Cherry for three weeks successively previous to the day set for said hearing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 23rd day of SEAL February, 1897.

W. R. TOWNE
County Judge.

Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of School District No. One, in Cherry county, Nebraska, that upon the written request of at least one-third of the legal voters of said district, an election will be held at the Court House in the village of Valentine, in said district, on the 5th day of February A. D. 1897, from one to four o'clock p. m., for the purpose of voting upon the following question, to-wit:

Shall the District Trustees of school district No. One, in Cherry County, Nebraska, issue the bonds of said school district, in the amount of ten thousand dollars, bearing six per cent interest, payable semi-annually, on the first day of April and the first day of October, principal and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office in Valentine, Nebraska.

Said bonds to run for twenty years, with an option for said district to pay same at the end of ten years?

And shall the district trustees of said district cause to be received, annually, a tax sufficient for the payment of said interest and principal as it becomes due?

Said bonds to be issued in denominations of one thousand dollars each and for the following purposes, to-wit:

Purchase a site for a school house, building a school house thereon, and necessary furniture.

By order of the Board of Trustees of said school district this 14th day of January A. D. 1897.

J. C. FERGUSON,
Sec. of Board.

Application for Administrator.

In the County Court of Cherry County Nebraska, in the matter of the Estate of Ferdinand Neldert, deceased.

Acting B. exhibil having filed in my office a petition praying for the appointment of Henry Kueze as administrator of the estate of Ferdinand Neldert, deceased, all persons interested in said estate will take notice that I have fixed the 14th day of February 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. at my office in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, as the place for the hearing of said petition, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause if any there be why such administration should not be appointed.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court this 13th day of January, 1897.

W. R. TOWNE
County Judge.

PROPOSALS FOR FLOUR.—OFFICE PURCHASING COMMISSIONARY OF SUBSISTENCE, OMAHA, NEB., JANUARY 21, 1897.

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, subject to the usual conditions, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m. February 3, 1897, at which time and place they will be opened in presence of bidders, for furnishing the Subsistence Department, U. S. Army, on or before February 23, 1897, as may be required, with Flour for issue and Flour, choice family, at the following places of delivery, viz: On board of cars or at subsistence storehouse at Omaha, Nebraska, or at Forts Crook, Nebraska, Robinson, Neb., D. A. Russell, Washburn, Wyo. and Fort Meade, S. D. Preference will be given to articles of domestic production. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or any part of any bid. Blank proposals and specifications, showing in detail the articles and quantities required, and giving full information as to conditions, will be furnished on application to this office or any of the commissaries at posts named above. Proposals will also be received by the Purchasing Commissary of Subsistence, Denver, Colo., at 10 o'clock, mountain standard time February 3, 1897, for the furnishing and delivery of the above Subsistence Stores from on board S. R. cars at Denver or near the place of production or purchase, or at the posts named. FRANK E. NYE, Major and C. S., U. S. A.

Mill Prices for Feed.

Brant, bulk.....40c per cwt \$7.00 ton
Shorts bulk.....50c per cwt \$9.00 ton
Screenings.....35c " \$6.00 "

Chop Feed.....70c " \$13.00 "
Cott.....50c " " "
Oats.....55c " " "